

MY MOM
AND DAD
ARE OUT-
SIDE THE
VILLAGE
GATE...



KING'S GAME
ORIGIN



IF THEY
WERE
FORCED
TO START
PLAYING THE
KING'S
GAME...

THE
COPS ARE
BLOCKING
THEM
FROM
COMING
IN.

THEY
FINALLY
COME HOME
FROM THEIR
WORK TRIP
TO FUKUOKA
AND THIS IS
WHAT THEY
RETURN
TO...

AH..
WELL,
MAYBE
IT'S
BETTER
THAT
WAY.

LETTING
MORE
VILLAGERS
INTO YONAKI
SEEMS LIKE
A BAD IDEA.

CHAPTER
11

KING'S GAME

ORIGIN

STORY BY NOBUAKI KANAZAWA

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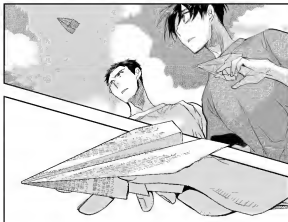
...THEY'D
PROBABLY
END UP AS
VICTIMS,
TOO.





HOW AM I SUP-
POSED TO
TELL MOM
THAT DAD
AND
GRAND-
MA ARE
DEAD?

SHE'S
STILL
REHAB-
ILITATING
IN THE
HOSPITAL—







SHUU-
HEI-
SAN...



HA HA,
I'M PA-
THETIC...
YOU TWO
HAVE AL-
READY
LOST
FAMILY...



WHO
KNOWS IF
BULLETS
WILL EVEN
WORK ON
THE KING,
THOUGH



RIGHT
THIS.

LATELY I
JUST CAN'T
SEEM TO
PUT THIS
DOWN.



AND I'M THE
ONE SCARED
OUT OF HIS
MIND.



SHUUHEI-SAN'S
ALWAYS SO
LAID BACK...THE
KING'S GOTTEN
TO HIM.



I MEAN,
THE KING
COULD
WIPE US
OUT AT
ANY GIVEN
MOMENT



I
WISH I
KNEW.

YOU
THINK...



WHAT DO WE
HAVE TO DO TO
MAKE
THE KING'S
GAME
END?



RIP

KAZU-
HARA
WAGAT...



IF HE
COULDN'T
PHYSICALLY
SEND THE
LETTERS,
THE ORDERS
WOULD STOP
COMING?



SO MAYBE
THIS WOULD
BE ENOUGH
TO KILL
HIM?



THE
POLICE
SEEM TO
THINK
HE'S
MADE OF
FLESH
AND
BLOOD
LIKE YOU
GUYS!

PH-
PHYSI-
CAL-
LY?





ME
AND
NA-
TSU-
KO.

WHEW

DOUJIMA
SUN ORDERED
EVERYONE TO
THE MEETING
HALL EARLIER
IN THE
EVENING

SATURDAY
AUGUST 13,
12:01 A.M.





KAZYU,
KYUUJI,
AND
KYUUJI'S
MOM,
FUMIKO-
SAN.

THEY'RE
IN A SEPA-
RATE
ROOM
GETTING
MEDICAL
ATTEN-
TION.



YUUJI
AND HIS
SISTER,
SANA-E.

LET'S
PLAY IT
SAFE,
YUUJI...

NO
SENSE IN
HASTING
AND
PAYING
FOR NO
REASON

SO CAN I
START
SAYING
WHAT I
REALLY
THINK OF
THE KING?



MICHIKO
AND
HER DAD,
ATSU-
SHI-SAN.



TWELVE
OF US
VILLAGERS
LEFT...



WUTTER
~
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WUTTER

DAI'S
MOM,
YURI-
SAN.



SHU-
MEI-SAN
AND HIS
DAD,
KOUJI-
SAN



KAZU-
NARI...



AND WE
CAN'T
JUST RELY
ON THE
COPS TO
HANDLE
IT!



WE COULD
SIT AROUND
HURLING IN-
SULTS AT THE
KING, BUT
THERE'S NO
POINT.

THE GOAL IS
TO FIND HIM
AND END
THIS GAME
ONCE AND
FOR ALL.



GLANCE

I'VE KNOWN
YUUKI AND
RYUKI MY
WHOLE
LIFE.

COULDN'T BE
KAZUYA. NO
KID HIS AGE
COULD'VE
WRITTEN SUCH
INHUMAN
LETTERS.



NATSUKO'S
OBVIOUSLY
INNOCENT.



CAN'T SAY
THE SAME
FOR
SHUHEI-
SAN AND
KOUJI-
SAN, OR
MICHKO
AND
ATSUSHI-
SAN
THOUGH.

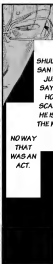
SAME-YAN,
YURI-SAN, AND
FUMIKO-SAN
HAVE ALL LOST
FAMILY, SO
THEY'RE OUT..



VERY
UNLIKELY
EITHER OF
THEM'S
THE KING.



AND
MICHKO
TRIED TO
SLEEP
WITH ME.
SHE'S
SO DES-
PERATE
TO STAY
ALIVE.



NOWAY
THAT
WAS AN
ACT.



SHUHEI-
SAN WAS
JUST
SAYING
HOW
SCARED
HE IS OF
THE KING.

NAH..



BEFORE
ALL THIS
STARTED,
WE WERE A
HAPPY,
PEACEFUL
COMMUNITY.

THE CUL-
PRIT CAN'T
BE SOME-
ONE FROM
THE VIL-
LAGE!



STOP
IT!

SHAKE
SHAKE



THAT
LEAVES
ATSU-
SHI-
SAN
AND
KOUJI-
SAN



IS THE
KING
EVEN
HUMAN?



WHO?



WHO
COULD
IT BE?





I'M
FINE--



KAZU-
NARI,
YOU
LOOK
PALE.



RATTLE



BAD
NEWS.



THIS IS THE KING'S GAME.

ALL VILLAGERS ARE
PARTICIPATING.

THE KING'S ORDERS ARE
ABSOLUTE.

PLEASE CARRY THEM OUT
BY THE END OF AUGUST
13TH.

PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT
ALLOWED TO QUIT.

ORDER 6: PLACE THE
DECAPITATED HEAD OF A
VILLAGER IN FRONT OF
THE BULLETIN BOARD.

THOSE WHO FAIL TO
FOLLOW THE KING'S
ORDERS WILL HAVE THEIR
ARMS AND LEGS
AMPLUTED.



IT WAS
FOUND
UNDER A
PARKED
POLICE
CAR.



...GIVEN
THAT THE
CONTENT
AND DATE
ARE DIFFER-
ENT.

WE DON'T
KNOW WHEN
IT WAS
PLACED
THERE, BUT
WE BELIEVE
IT WAS YESTERDAY.



DID
YOU SAY
DATE?



SHFF



DAAH!!

DECRYPT-TATED HEAD?!!

WHAT IN THE HELL WILL WE DO ABOUT THAT?!

HE'S HAVING TROUBLE SENDING OUT HIS ORDERS NOW THAT WE'VE GOT THE VILLAGE UNDER SUCH HEAVY SURVEILLANCE--

UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS LETTERS, THIS ONE SPECIFIES THE DATE.

THAT MEANS THE KING ASSUMED WE MIGHT FIND IT BEFORE TODAY.

WHA--



HE WROTE "OF A VIL-LAGER," WE CAN'T USE DOGS OR CATS OR NOTHIN'.

DECRYPT-TATED HEAD?!!



...HANDLING IT.

WE'RE ALREADY...



IF WE PREPARE
ONE HEAD FOR
EACH PERSON
HERE, NO ONE
HAS TO DIE.



THERE ARE
TWELVE OF
YOU LEFT.



OH GOD,
NO...



H-
HEAD...



IT'S THE
ONLY WAY
TO SAVE
YOUR LIVES,
KAZUNARI-
KUN!



THEY'RE
GONNA
TAKE
BODIES OF
THE VIC-
TIMS...

AND CHOP
OFF THEIR
HEADS...



I'M WITH
HIM,
LEAVE MY
GRAND-
FATHER'S
BODY
ALONE!

OR
ANYONE
ELSE'S!



YOU'RE
NOT
CHOPPING
OFF MY
DAD'S
HEAD, OR
MY
GRAND-
MA'S!

NO, NO,
NO!



YOU ALL
WILL COOP-
ERATE, EVEN
IF WE HAVE
TO FORCE
YOU.



ME TOO!
THEY'RE OUR
FAMILY, WE
CAN'T DO
THIS!



DRIP

DRIP

I COULD...
I COULD NEVER--











I NEED A
SAMPLE OF
EVERYONE'S
BLOOD.



I'M
AFRAID
I CAN'T
GET INTO
IT YET.



.....



TELL
US!

OUT
HERE!

OUR
THEO-
RIES ARE
PRETTY
FAR OUT
THERE.



MOVING ON,
I HAVE AN
IMPORTANT
REQUEST OF
YOU ALL

I ASSURE YOU
I'LL BRING
EVERYONE UP
TO SPEED
VERY SOON,
SO PLEASE
BEAR WITH
ME.



AU-
TOPSY...
ON
SUZU-
KORI



AND THAT'S
WHAT
WE'RE
USING
IT FOR.

ALSO,
WE
HAVE
MIRIAM
FUSAGI-
SANEI
PERMISSION.

TO PER-
FORM AN
AUTOPSY
ON THE LATE
MIRIAM
SUZUKO-
SANEI



WHATTA
YOU
NEED
OUR
BLOOD
FOR?

YOU'RE
SUP-
POSED
TO BE
SEARCH-
ING FOR
THE KING!



CONVEN-
TIONAL
METHODS
AREN'T
GOING TO
BE ENOUGH
TO FIND
THE TRUTH.



W-WHY
DO YOU
HAVE TO
AU-
TOPSY
HER?
SHE
WAS
ONLY
NINE
YEARS
OLD!



NOT JUST
SUZUKO-
SANEI.

THAT
MEANS
DAD..

GIVEN THE
CIRCUM-
STANCES,
WE PLAN TO
AUTOPSY
THE OTHER
VICTIMS
AS WELL.



LIKE I SAID,
WE'LL HANDLE
THE LOGISTICS
OF THIS NEW
ORDER. SO
PLEASE, EVERY-
ONE DO AS
MIYAZAKI-SAN
SAYS



AND AS
EVERYONE IS
AWARE, YOUR
LIVES ARE ON
THE LINE TOO.



IF HE
DE-
CIDES
TO USE
HIS
POWER
ON US...



WE'RE ALL
DOING OUR
DAMNED-
EST TO
PROTECT
YOU, THE
KING'S
TARGETS



WE'LL
DO OUR
BEST TO
RESPECT
YOUR
WISHES...

...BUT RE-
MEMBER
OUR PO-
SITION

